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ON AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

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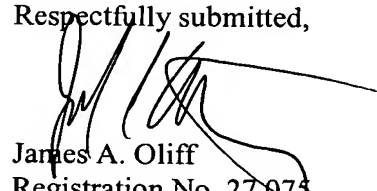
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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 4.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	2	5,638,931	06/17/1997	Kerr			
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	4	JP 2001-309574 (with abstract and translation)	11/02/2001	Japan			
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)</b>							
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